

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Action mailed October 4, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 3 - 9 remain pending. In particular, Applicants have amended claims 4 - 6, have added claims 8 and 9, and have canceled claims 1 - 3 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants have canceled claims 1 - 3 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of this canceled claim in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 4 - 6 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claims 4 - 6 to be in independent form and respectfully asserts that these claim are in condition for allowance.

In the Specification

In the specification, the words "first protrusion", "second protrusion" and "third protrusion" are added to describe the first spacer, the second spacer and the third spacer, respectively. In the original drawings, the first spacer, the second spacer and the third spacer are disclosed as "protrusions." Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 - 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by *Funakoshi et al.* Additionally, the Office Action indicates that claims 1 - 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by *Yoneda*. As set forth above, Applicant has canceled these claims and respectfully asserts that the rejection as to these claims has been rendered moot.

Newly Added Claims

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, Applicant has added new claims 8 and 9. Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are in condition for allowance because the cited art, either individually or in combination, does not teach or reasonably suggest the limitations recited in the respective claims. For example, with respect to claim 8, that claim recites:

8. A chip carrier plate for carrying a chip, comprising:
a recess;
a first protrusion, disposed in the recess, supporting a side of the chip;
and
a second protrusion, disposed in the recess, supporting another side of the chip, the first protrusion and the second protrusion are disposed on opposing sides of the bottom of the recess; and
a third protrusion, disposed between the first protrusion and the second protrusion, and contacting the chip.

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that neither, or a combination, of the cited references teaches nor reasonably suggests at least the limitations emphasized above in claim 8. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 8 is in condition for allowance. Since claim 9 is a dependent claim that incorporates the limitations of claim 8 Applicant respectfully requests that this claim also be placed in condition for allowance.

Cited Art Made of Record


The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,


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